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**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Small Entity)**

Docket No.
BAF-15303/29

In Re Application Of: Ferree

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|-----------------|-------------|-----------|--------------|----------------|------------------|
| Application No. | Filing Date | Examiner | Customer No. | Group Art Unit | Confirmation No. |
| 10/679,919 | 10/06/2003 | J. Baxter | 25006 | 3733 | 2935 |

Invention: **REDUCED-FRICTION ARTIFICIAL DISC REPLACEMENTS**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of Nov. 29, 2005 *Date* in the above-identified application.

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

One month Two months Three months Four months Five months

from: Feb. 28, 2006 *Date* until: April 29, 2006 (Saturday) *Date*

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

The fee for the amendment and extension of time has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

| | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR | NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT | RATE | ADDITIONAL FEE |
|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|-------------------|
| TOTAL CLAIMS | 2 - | 20 - | 0 | x \$25.00 | \$0.00 |
| INDEP. CLAIMS | 1 - | 3 - | 0 | x \$100.00 | \$0.00 |
| Fee for Amendment | | | | | \$0.00 |
| Fee for Extension of Time | | | | | \$225.00 |
| Total Fee for Amendment and Extension of Time | | | | | \$225.00 |

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The fee for the amendment and extension of time is to be paid as follows:

- A check in the amount of _____ for the amendment and extension of time is enclosed.
- Please charge Deposit Account No. 07-1180 in the amount of \$225.00
- The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 07-1180
- Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
- Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
- If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 07-1180
- Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

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